

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior listings, and, versions of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) Massage arm (1), comprising a massage element (2), for a massage unit that can be incorporated into a massage chair or similar, where said massage arm (1) is hinged on at least one shaft that can be moved by a drive in the massage unit ~~and has an articulated connection to the massage element (2), characterized in that the articulated connection comprises a ball-and-socket joint (3)~~ and is connected to the massage element (2) by a ball-and-socket joint (3), where the ball-and-socket joint (3) displays a ball head (9), located on the end opposite the articulated connection (5) to the shaft, which is mounted in a ball socket (10) located on the massage element (2), and the ball head (9) displays an extension (11) projecting beyond the ball socket (10) for connection to the massage arm (1), and the massage element (2) displays a supporting part (6) with massage bodies (7) for acting on the human body located on one side of the supporting part (6), characterized in that the ball head (9) displays two opposite pins (12), which engage opposite openings (13) in the ball socket (9), the openings (13) are of elongated design towards the edge of the ball socket (10) and closed at the edge, such that the pivoting angle of the ball-and-socket joint (3) in the plane formed by the two longitudinal axes of the openings (13) is restricted to a predetermined range, the ball socket (10) is provided with a U-shaped groove (14) that is open towards the edge of the ball socket (10) and into which the extension (11) can be pivoted, and the supporting part (6) consists of two halves, in the parting line area of each of which one half of the ball socket (10) is integrally molded on the supporting part (6) in one piece on the side of the supporting part (6) opposite the massage bodies (7).

2-6 (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) Massage arm according to ~~Claim 6~~ claim 1, characterized in that the supporting part halves and the ball socket halves are in each case designed as plastic parts, injection-molded in one piece.